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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-315, relative to the offense of stalking.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

- SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-315, is amended by deleting subsection (b) and substituting instead the following:
 - (b)(1) Stalking is a Class E felony.
 - (2) A second or subsequent violation of subsection (a) occurring within ten (10) years of the prior conviction is a Class D felony.
 - (3) A second or subsequent violation of subsection (a) involving the same victim and occurring within ten (10) years of the prior conviction is a Class C felony.
 - (4) A person convicted of a violation of subsection (a) is not eligible for probation pursuant to § 40-35-303, judicial diversion pursuant to § 40-35-313 or release to a community-based alternative to incarceration pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 36.
 - (5) The minimum sentence for a person convicted of a violation of subsection (a) is one (1) year. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 40-35-501, such person shall not be eligible for release eligibility status until service of the minimum sentence, less sentence credits earned and retained.
 - SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.